

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Martha A. Brandsma was born on February 9, 1912, in Moody County, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Martha graduated from Egan High School and went on to attend Eastern Normal School at Madison, South Dakota. She began her teaching career in Moody County, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Martha married Jesse Beck on June 16, 1940, giving life and love to two children, Erlyn and Warren. Her life was further blessed with 1 granddaughter, Larissa; and,

*Whereas*, In 1956, Martha resumed her teaching career in both Hand and Hyde County, South Dakota. She continued to further her education and had nearly obtained a degree in Elementary Education before retiring and moving to Huron, South Dakota, in 1973; and,

*Whereas*, Martha resides in Huron, and will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family, friends, and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2012, as

### **MARTHA BECK DAY**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State